

IS HE GEORGE TAYLOR

CHIEF OF AN OUTLAW BANDIT GANG.

Recognized by a Missourian—Held Up a Train of Missouri Emigrants in the Creek Country—Robbed Them of \$1,000, All They Had.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 18.—Highwaymen, whose leader is said to be George Taylor, murderer of the Meeks family, who cheated the gallows by escaping from the Carrollton, Mo., jail, held up an emigrant train near here yesterday and robbed the people of all they had. A dozen men were in the gang, and their plunder is estimated at \$1,000.

The emigrant party was on its way south from Missouri, and was traveling in wagons. The party was met by a crowd of desperadoes in the rough country on the west line of the Creek nation, surrounded, captured and robbed of everything they had. There were a number of shots fired, but no one was hurt, as far as could be learned.

Among the emigrants were several who were very familiar with the appearance of George Taylor, and they have positively identified him as the leader of the bandits. They describe him most accurately, and there is little doubt that the man is the noted murderer.

This is the same section in which the Dalton, Doolin and Cook gangs have been operating, and is a rough and mountainous country, ideal in every respect for the pursuit of highway robbery. It is very near the place where the emigrant train was looted that a traveling man recognized Taylor only a month ago. This man declared that he had seen the escaped murderer, and said there could be no mistake, as he knew him well. He was afraid, however, to go back and search for him.

There were six men in the party which held up the emigrant train, and Taylor is declared to have been the leader of the crowd. Posses have been organized here to go out and look for the bandits, and they are acting with officers of the law in making every effort to locate the gang.

Judge McDonald Arrested.

FOUR SCOTT, Kan., Jan. 18.—Judge J. F. McDonald, the first attorney in the damage suits brought by the heirs of the twenty-nine miners killed in the Frontenac mine explosion for claims aggregating \$145,000, was arrested in his sick bed at his home last evening on a charge by one of his associates in the cases, Judge J. L. McLevery, that he had secretly compromised the cases against the Pittsburg Coal and Mining company for about \$10,000 and had concealed a \$5,000 fee, and McLevery has also sued for \$1,366, which he claims to be due on his own fee. A deputy sheriff is guarding McDonald.

"Buckskin Nell" in Trouble.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 18.—Nellie Kneeland, known in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as "Buckskin Nell," has been arrested here on a charge of perjury before a United States land officer. This woman has been in the Indian Territory for the past five years, and has visited every cowboy camp in the territory. For years she lived in the saddle with the cowboys, and it is alleged she has been connected with every gang of outlaws in the Territory since her advent here.

Receiver for the Kansas City "Gazette."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—The New York Life Insurance company made application to Judge Allen in the district court in Kansas City, Kan., this morning for the appointment of a receiver for the Gazette Printing and Publishing company of Kansas City, Kan. The Gazette leases the first floor and basement of the life insurance company's building at Fifth street and Minnesota avenue, Kansas City, Kan., and the company says it owes \$1,073 for rent.

Infatuated With a Convict.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 18.—E. D. Lamotte, a good looking young convict in the penitentiary, was released Saturday. Mrs. Sadie Watson, a widow of good reputation, who runs a restaurant and who had seen him only once before, and then at the prison, met him with a hack and an expensive suit of clothes. They went to Omaha and were married. Lamotte served a term in the Missouri penitentiary before being convicted of burglary in this state.

Negro Footpad Lynched.

WHITECASTLE, La., Jan. 18.—Last night George P. Beaurvais was waylaid, robbed and beaten on the head by a negro in the Texas Pacific yards. The weapon used was a coupling pin. Before midnight the highwayman had been arrested, was brought before his victim and fully identified. The negro was then placed in jail, but at day-break this morning his body was found dangling from a convenient tree.

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New Place for Bishop Keane.

ROME, Jan. 18.—Bishop Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic university at Washington, has been appointed to the sacred congregation of the propaganda and studies.

Mrs. Canedy Granted a Divorce.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 18.—The wife of Charles Canedy, the absconding deputy sheriff and well known politician, secured a divorce today. The whereabouts of Canedy is not known. The last heard of him was in Arkansas, but he left there when officers started in pursuit.

Ewing Herbert Stands by Corn.

HIAWATHA, Kan., Jan. 18.—The Brown County Union is accepting subscriptions payable when corn shall be twenty-five cents a bushel. The editor, Ewing Herbert, predicts the certain rise in the price of corn to a point above that price inside of one year.

MRS. LEASE IN NEW YORK.

Thanks God Kansas Has Not Become Civilized Enough for Society Dinners.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease, of Kansas, was the guest of honor at the last meeting of the Society for Political Study, and made a speech.

"Your name means a great deal," she began. "You study the science of government, and politics influences all the homes of the nation. Do you realize that there are only four states where a mother has any right to her child, to its guardianship and her property?"

Murmurs of "That's not so," reached the platform. "If women had the ballot," she continued, "would these things be? Do you suppose women would permit red-handed murder to go on at our very doors as it is now doing? Not until woman helps to govern will murder and rapine cease from the face of the earth."

The society liked this and showed it. "Man is spiritually negative and physically positive," Mrs. Lease continued in stentorian tones. "Woman is spiritually positive and physically negative. She is the great soul power. I come from the liberty loving prairies of the west, where woman's influence is felt, thank God! Where we have not become civilized enough to have lewd women dance nude before men for their education. ('Good! Good!' shouted the women. 'That's right!') Obtain the ballot, you women of New York, for woman's influence is needed right here and now. Obtain the ballot and strike down the beasts of drunkenness and lust."

SEALS IN NO DANGER.

British Commissioners Report No Likelihood of Extinction.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Gerald Barrett Hamilton, one of the British commissioners appointed to investigate the conditions of seal life in Behring sea, has recently returned to London, on conclusion of his mission. Among other things a census of every seal on the island was taken. This showed that there were 143,000 seals on the Pribyloffs, and proved that the American estimates of previous years were much below the mark. Another important piece of work was the counting of dead pups. The Americans claimed that owing to the killing at sea of breeding females vast numbers of pups were left to starve on the islands—they said that as many as 30,000 perished in this way. It was therefore highly important to know actually how many dead pups there were. There were a large number of dead—about 11,000—that it was proved had been killed by over-crowding before the commencement of pelagic sealing—about 10,000 had died later in the season.

The results of the investigation on the spot have tended to prove to the minds of the commissioners that although it has been said the seal industry would collapse in two years there is no fear of such an extinction of the fur seal. No doubt is entertained that now the question has been approached in such an amicable way, some measure of preserving the seal will be adopted.

TALMAGE ON THE TREATY.

Appeals to the Senate to End War Among Nations by Ratifying It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, in his sermon Sunday morning, referred to the arbitration treaty in the following language:

"The mightiest, grandest movement for driving brutal war out of the earth dates from January 11, 1897. The men who on either side of the sea did most to effect that plan of arbitration have made themselves immortal. I implore the illustrious Senate of the United States to allow nothing to interfere with a vote of ratification, that the bells of all Christendom may ring out 'Peace on earth, good will to men.' Let the 'aye, aye' of our American senate resound through all the capitals of Europe, and make all the arsenals and armories of the world hear, that there shall be no more murder among nations. The worst thing you can do for a man is to kill him. The best thing you can do for a man is to save him."

May Fight in the Rio Grande.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Jan. 19.—It is a well-known fact among certain parties here that while Dan Stuart was in Corpus Christi last May he held several consultations with a leading Brownsville attorney, the result of which was the lease of an island in the Rio Grande river from the Mexican government. Several known ones here assert the probabilities are that the Corbets-Fitzsimmons fight will be pulled off on the island, which is about ten miles from Brownsville.

Miss Lulu Ervin Found.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 19.—Miss Lulu Ervin of Seneca, Kan., whose mysterious disappearance from this city has been the subject of much talk in various sections of Kansas and Missouri where the young lady has friends and relatives, is at the home of Dr. Eli Swartz, 623 Sandusky avenue, Kansas City, Kan. She is under the care of the physician, and is just recovering from a simple surgical operation performed a few days ago.

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GEN. RIVERA TALKS.

INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL MACEO'S SUCCESSOR.

An Appeal for Ammunition—That is the Greatest Need of the Cubans at Present—Want No More Men, but Only Guns and Cartridges.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The World prints the following interview with General Rivera at Canco, Pinar del Rio province:

"I do not wish to criticize our friends in the United States, for I believe them (referring to the junta) patriotic men and striving to do their best for Cuba, but we here in Pinar del Rio have been somewhat neglected.

"Great reliance was placed upon Maceo, our beloved commander, and it was thought that he could not only defeat the enemy in the province, but finally make a junction with Gomez. But he knew, and our friends should have known also, that four or five or ten thousand men, poorly armed, and most of the time with but scanty ammunition, could not prevail against 50,000 well armed and well fed troops. One or two small expeditions landed—one at Corrientes bay—but otherwise for nine months we have been depending upon our strategy and knowledge of the province to keep us out of a pitched battle.

"Speaking with reference to cannon, I wish it could be communicated to our friends in the United States that cannon are more in the way of ourselves than that of the enemy in this province. In the first place, they are inconvenient to take out over the hills, through the district of Managua and among the woods. Of course, when we are in a position to assault Havana, heavy guns will be necessary. Do we expect to do so? No; not very soon. About the end of the winter, I hope.

"There is certainly nothing to be gained by making statements that are untrue, or that I do not believe in myself. It would be wrong for me to give our friends in the United States the impression that we are perfectly able to take care of ourselves, no matter what happens.

"Some of my best friends may criticize me for speaking so plainly, but I wish the Cubans of New York, Philadelphia, Jacksonville and Key West to know we here in Pinar del Rio, like our brothers of the orient, are willing to die for Cuba or win. We cannot fight alone with our hands, nor even make threats, against an enemy that is equipped, fed and drilled.

"We do not need men, and, above all, we do not want foreigners to come unless they are men of military science. It is not, as you know, because of any lack of appreciation for the sympathy or assistance of the foreigner. We pray to God that the American nation exists and we know and appreciate the great help it has been to us.

"We do not want young Americans to come to Cuba as fighters. Not one in ten knows a word of the language of our country—a language we would change if we could, since we dislike everything Spanish.

"There were, perhaps, forty or fifty Americans with Maceo when he entered the province, but I do not believe there are a half dozen of them left.

"I do not know how General Gomez feels in this particular, but as far as I am concerned I do not want any foreigners. There are plenty of Cubans in the United States who should be, and I presume are, willing and anxious to come to the assistance of their fighting brethren. If men are to be sent, let Cubans be the men.

"Tell the American people to give us rifles and a supply of cartridges and we will whip Weyler before the winter ends. We have 50,000 men waiting in the province, which was the last to take up arms."

BLUE FOR LEADVILLE.

Pumps May Soon Be Pailed Out of the Big Mines—Prospects Dreary.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Jan. 18.—The pulling out of the big pumps in the Maid of Erin mine, which has been definitely determined upon by the owners, Moffatt & Smith, will cause the closing down in a short time of nearly every large silver, lead and iron mine here. The determination to pull the pumps is owing to the failure of the owners of wet mines to agree to pay for the pumping, which costs over \$5,000 a week.

Governor Adams and E. V. Debs are both in the camp and are actively working to bring about an agreement between the strikers and mine operators. Mine owners agree that if a settlement shall not be reached Leadville will become a second-rate mining camp.

Floods in Illinois.

PRINCETON, Ill., Jan. 18.—The waters of the Illinois and Bureau rivers rose rapidly last night and to-day, and have caused much damage. A portion of the Hennepin canal embankment, thrown up along Bureau river to turn the river from its natural bed, was washed out and the overflow is now running through the unfinished portion of the canal, causing much damage.

F. M. Gable Made Deputy Warden.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 18.—The fight for the deputy wardenship of the state penitentiary was ended to-day by the appointment of F. M. Gable, Democrat of Leavenworth county. The announcement will not be officially made until Harry Landis shall have been appointed and confirmed as warden. Gable was deputy warden when W. C. Jones was warden in 1892-96.

Three Killed by Gas.

ROSTOK, Jan. 18.—Three young lives were destroyed by gas in a tenement house at Roxbury last night. The dead are: Mary N. Reynolds, 7 years old; Margaret H. Reynolds, 4 years old; Annie Connolly, 16 years old. Carelessness or ignorance in using the fixtures is the supposed cause of the deaths.

Sixteen Orphan Boys Perished.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 18.—Later advice concerning the Blackpool orphan home fire state that so far sixteen boys are known to have perished.

BOMBAY'S PLAGUE.

The People Literally Running Away by Thousands.

BOMBAY, Jan. 16.—The plague continues as bad as ever, and there is little prospect of its abating for some time. The panic has been renewed, and the exodus from the city has commenced with a vengeance. Indeed, it may fairly be stated that thousands of people are literally running away, large crowds being seen running along the road carrying bundles of their belongings and dragging their children behind them. A few of them were asked the reason of their haste, and the answer was that they were going off to their villages down the coast to get away from the plague and the authorities, who were anxious to secure the lives of 10,000 people for the recent outrage of the queen's statue.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

Congressmen Simpson and Bell are candidates for the Populist leadership in the next House.

It is rumored in Washington that Mr. Cleveland will veto the free homes bill if it reaches him.

Representative Spencer of Mississippi presented a bill authorizing the secretary of state to buy Cuba.

Senator Sherman announces his acceptance of the state portfolio.

Fred Dubois says that a Populist will succeed him as Senator from Idaho.

Patrick Donahue is under arrest at Philadelphia for strangling his wife of one day to death.

Delaware's "Rump" legislature is in full blast. A "Rump" Senator will be chosen.

Secretary Herbert has ordered that the naval cadets participate in the inauguration ceremonies.

A bill providing for retirement of those holding office under the civil service at 65 years of age has been presented.

The House committee on elections decided that Mr. Price, Democrat, of the Third Louisiana district should retain his seat.

John D. Long of Massachusetts is believed in Washington to be slated for secretary of the treasury.

The war department has authorized the purchase of a site, consisting of sixteen blocks, for a fort at Galveston, Tex.

Adam Homolzer, a former banker of Rock Falls, Ill., was arrested at Moberly, Mo., charged with embezzlement.

Lexow is after the trusts. He offered a resolution asking for an investigating committee in the New York state senate.

Captain Edward Bernard, in charge of the Sedalia corps of the Salvation army, was accidentally shot and killed while hunting.

The Cherokees will endeavor to have the names of 2,000 persons stricken from the census rolls of the tribe, who, they claim, secured their citizenship through fraud.

George N. Tillman has abandoned his contest for the governorship of Tennessee.

Ex-Governor John P. St. John is the latest candidate for senator from Kansas.

It is reported that Perry S. Heath will be appointed private secretary to Mr. McKinley.

The men who killed Deputy United States Marshal Bird are in jail at Jackson, Va. Lynching is threatened.

A medal of honor has been granted to Samuel J. Churchill of Lawrence, Kan., for bravery at the battle of Nashville, December 15, 1864.

W. H. Harvey protested before the Senate committee against the passage of the Loud bill.

The commission of the St. Joseph, Mo., postmaster has expired. Five men desire the place.

J. Pierpont Morgan's Gift.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the board of governors of the New York lying-in hospital, a letter was read from J. Pierpont Morgan, offering to erect a new building for the institution, to cost \$1,000,000. The only condition that Mr. Morgan makes to the magnificent gift is that funds sufficient to insure the work of the hospital be raised. The board accepts the gift with thanks.

A Young Woman as a Counterfeiter.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 18.—The police believe that the leader of the gang of counterfeiters now at work in this city is the woman known as the wife of W. L. Please, the counterfeiter sent to prison recently. She is a handsome woman, the reputed daughter of an Omaha politician.

Accused of Embezzlement.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 18.—F. M. McBride, assistant postmaster, and J. W. Cunningham, stamp clerk of the Salt Lake postoffice, are in the custody of the United States marshal on a charge of embezzlement. The former is said to be short in his accounts \$4,000 and the latter to the amount of \$360.

Aid Asked for India.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Lord Mayor George Faudel Phillips has asked the American press to publish an appeal to the "junior branch of the united family" to show that same regard for the mother country that the mother country feels, by contributing to the Indian famine relief fund.

Mitchell Likely to Win.

SALER, Ore., Jan. 16.—The Republicans in joint caucus, by a unanimous vote of the members present, nominated John H. Mitchell to succeed himself in the United States Senate.

Federal Income Tax Wanted.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 16.—Both houses of the Legislature adopted resolutions requesting the senators and representatives from Kansas to vote to amend the United States constitution so that an income tax law could be passed. The Senate adopted resolutions of sympathy for Cuba.

Religious on Ex-Speaker Crisp.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—In the House to-day the principal feature was the eulogies upon ex-Speaker Charles F. Crisp of Georgia, who died in the recess of Congress.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE

Jan. 12.—The Kansas Legislature assembled at noon. In the house Secretary of State Bush swore in the new members and in the senate Lieutenant-governor Harvey.

The house elected the following officers: Speaker, W. D. Street of Decatur county; chief clerk, L. P. Gilpin of Lincoln; assistant chief clerk, Louis McKenna of Morris; journal clerk, S. G. Stewart of Coffey; assistant journal clerk, S. P. Roulides of Cowley; docket clerk, Sidney E. Wood of Chase; assistant docket clerk, William Cederberg of Jewell; postmistress, Mrs. Mae Cox of Ness; assistant postmaster, A. H. Johnson of Stafford; sergeant-at-arms, J. M. Dunmore of Neosho. Governor's message was then read and the house adjourned.

The senate elected the following officers: Secretary, M. Watson of Reno; assistant secretary, F. S. Pritch of Montgomery; sergeant-at-arms, Solon Gray of Rice; reading clerk, W. H. Ferguson of Miami; chaplain, Rev. L. S. Looftower of Rawlins.

Jan. 13.—Sixty-three bills were introduced in the Senate in fifteen minutes. Senator Cooke of Mitchell scored first with a bill to vacate Fairmount park addition to the city of Beloit, and followed with another to invest the sinking fund of Mitchell county in county bonds, and another to loan the endowment funds of the state university, agricultural and normal schools to citizens of the state.

Mr. Forney of Sumner introduced eleven bills. One was to create the office of county assessors. Another of Forney's bills was to prohibit the importation of homeless children into the state. Mr. Farrelly of Neosho introduced seven bills. One was to remove the political disabilities of all ex-Confederate soldiers in Kansas. Mr. Lewelling of Sedgewick had only one bill—for a normal school at Wichita. Mr. Crossen of Miami had two bills. Mr. Matthews of McPherson had one. Mr. Householder of Cherokee had three. One was his old charitable institutions bill, which passed the senate in 1895. Another was to amend the Australian ballot law by increasing election bonds from five members to nine so as to keep the count up with the vote, and providing for the square, in which the voter marks at the right of the ticket instead of the left. Mr. Jumper of Osage had six. One was to reduce passenger rates on railroads to 2 cents a mile and to prohibit the use of passes. Another was to abolish the office of forestry commissioner. Mr. C. Campbell of LaBette brought up the rear with a bill to let idle labor on the roads and to pay for it in county notes.

Lieutenant-Governor Harvey announced the following committees: Judiciary—Crossen, Farrelly, Campbell, Ryan, Forney, Hart, Hesson, Coleman, Lamb.

Ways and Means—Lewelling, Harris, King, Jumper, Sheldon, Stocks, Sterne.

Elections—Young, Benson, Cooke, Coleman, Fulton.

Federal Relations—Shaffer, Pritchard, Caldwell, Morrow, Wallace.

Railroads—Harris, Lewelling, Householder, Heimick, Forney, Hanna, Johnson, Fulton, Morrow.

Assessment and Taxation—Benson, Bradock, Caldwell, Matthew, Stocks.

Civil, Military, Naval—Crisp, Jumper, Caldwell, Morrow, Wallace.

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The open session of the Senate was much curtailed by an executive session lasting two hours. After this the balance of the day was given to Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, in a speech upholding the power of Congress to recognize new governments.

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The Senate passed the free homes bill by a vote of 35 to 11. It goes to the House for conference.

Jan. 15.—The day in the house was devoted to private pension bills. The widow of the late Major General John Gibbon was the beneficiary of one of the bills passed, carrying \$100 per month, and the widow of Brevet Major General W. A. Nichols of another carrying \$75 per month. Mr. Blue, Republican of Kansas; Mr. Growther, Republican of Missouri; and others acted against granting pensions of more than \$50 per month to the widows of general officers. At the evening session fourteen private pension bills were reported with a favorable recommendation. Among them were bills granting a pension of \$50 a month to the widow of General Green Clay Smith and \$75 a month to the widow of General Henry A. Morrow.

FIREBUGS AT MILAN, MO.

Incendiaries Start a Blaze That Destroys \$75,000 Worth of Property.

MILAN, Mo., Jan. 16.—Firebugs visited this city at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and almost caused the loss of the finest business block in the city. This is the fifth time in nine years that the business portions of the city have been ruined by fire, each time by incendiary origin. Several people are suspected of starting the fire, and if reasonable proof is found, a lynching is sure to follow. The total loss, as near as can be estimated at present, is \$75,000. The insurance will probably reach \$30,000. The Phoenix of Hartford will be the heaviest loser.

FILLEY TURNED DOWN.

Missouri Republicans Name R. C. Kerens for Senator.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—The Republicans of the Thirty-ninth general assembly held a caucus last night and decided to honor with their votes Colonel R. C. Kerens for United States Senator next Tuesday.

The first ballot resulted in Mr. Kerens' nomination by this vote: Kerens, 30; Kennish, 2; Gardiner Lathrop, 1; Filley, 26.

Reprimand and Suspension.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 18.—The faculty of the State university has decided that the runaway football team shall be reprimanded by President Jesse. George English of Kansas City, manager of the team, will be suspended indefinitely, as will also Tom Shawhan, captain of the team.

The Schweinfurth Case Dropped.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Jan. 18.—The marriage of "Messiah" Schweinfurth to Mrs. Tuttle last summer and similar precautionary steps by his followers caused the state's attorney yesterday afternoon to have the cases stricken from the docket with leave to reinstate.

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CONGRESSIONAL

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